

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 16 2005**

In re patent application:

Appl. No. : 09/751,604 Confirmation No.: 8551  
Applicant : Thomas J. Foth  
Filed : December 29, 2000  
Art Unit : 2157  
Examiner : Hussein A. El Chanti  
Attorney Docket No. : F-220  
Customer No. : 00919 Date: February 16, 2005

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

**CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAXING:**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being telefaxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at:

**703-872-9306**  
Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on February 16, 2005  
Date of Deposit

  
Signature

Esther A. Lapin  
Name of Rep.

February 16, 2005  
Date

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 16 2005

## FACSIMILE

To: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
ATTN: Hussein A. El Chanti  
Fax: 703-872-9306  
From: Ronald Reichman  
Date: 16 February 2005  
Subject: Serial No. 09/751,604 (Attorney Docket F-220)

Pitney Bowes Inc.  
Senior Corporate Counsel  
35 Waterview Drive  
P.O. Box 3000  
Shelton, Connecticut  
06484-8000

203-924-3854  
203-924-3919 Fax  
email: [ron.reichman@pb.com](mailto:ron.reichman@pb.com)

(Admitted to practice in  
Maryland, New York and District  
of Columbia only)

Page 1 of 13

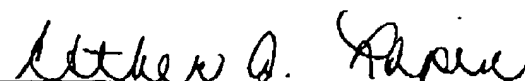
Attached are the following:

1. Transmittal Letter for Amendment After Final Rejection (2 pages); and
2. Amendment After Final Rejection (10 pages).

**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that the following correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Facsimile No. 703-872-9306 on 16 February 2005.

Esther A. Lapin  
Name of Rep.

  
Signature

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:** This transmittal is confidential and intended only for review by the party to whom it is addressed or copied. It may contain privileged and/or proprietary information. If you have received this transmittal in error, please immediately return it to the sender and delete it from your system. Any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the information by anyone other than the intended recipients is strictly prohibited.

Transmission to an unintended recipient shall not constitute waiver of confidentiality, the attorney/client or any other privilege. All personal messages express views of the sender only and are not to be attributed to the company and may not be copied or distributed without this statement.

{0034000.1}

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 16 2005**

In re patent application of: ) Date: February 16, 2005  
 Thomas J. Foth ) Attorney Docket No.: F-220  
 Serial No.: 09/751,604 ) Customer No.: 00919  
 Filed: December 29, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 2157  
 Confirmation No.: ) Examiner:

Title: **METHOD FOR LOAD BALANCING OF REQUESTS FOR SERVICE  
 BY DEVICES ON A NETWORK AND A DEVICE AND A NETWORK  
 FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH METHOD**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop AF  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

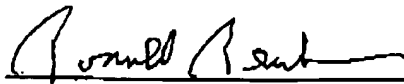
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	-	Highest Number Previously Paid For	=	Number of Extra Claims Present	X	Rate	=	Additional Fee
Total Claims	22	-	24	=	0	X	\$50.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	X	\$200.00	=	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>									<b>\$ 0.00</b>

No additional fee is required.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account Number  
**16-1885.**

{T0034981.1 }

- 2 -



Ronald Reichman  
Reg. No. 26,796  
Attorney of Record  
Telephone (203) 924-3854

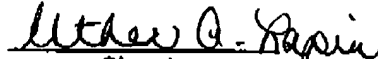
PITNEY BOWES INC.  
Intellectual Property and  
Technology Law Department  
35 Waterview Drive  
P.O. Box 3000  
Shelton, CT 06484-8000

**CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAXING:**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being telefaxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at:

703-872-9306  
Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on February 16, 2005  
Date of Deposit

  
Signature

Esther A. Lapin  
Name of Rep.

February 16, 2005  
Date